Faith: Tested and True

Lucifer Cast Out
Lesson 1
Isaiah 14:12-21; Ezekiel 28:11-19

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“The just shall live by faith”
Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38

- Salvation – pass from death to life” (John 5:24)
- Salvation – endurance . . . to be perfect and complete (James 1:4)
- True faith
  - A gift of God – not a natural capacity (Ephesians 2:8)
  - Belief in God – He is and He rewards those who seek Him (Hebrews 11:6)
  - Belief in God’s Word – Trust in God, displayed by obedience
  - The example of Christ (1 Peter 2:21-23; 4:19; Hebrews 5:8)
- How do you know your faith is true?
  - Testing (1 Peter 1:7) – necessary
  - The agent of testing: Satan (Ephesians 6:12)
- The arena of testing
  - The word of God and the ways of God
- Protected by the power of God through faith (Ephesians 1:5)
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- Satan – 8 lessons on Satan and his schemes
- Lamentations – 5 lessons on the ways of God
- The missing lesson – The armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)
- Lesson 1: Lucifer Cast Out
  - Who is Satan?
  - Where did he come from?
  - Where is he going?
Who is Satan?

- Appears throughout the Bible, from Genesis (Job) to Revelation
- Revelation 20:2
  - The dragon – supernatural monster (Isaiah 27:1; 51:9; Revelation 12, 13)
  - The serpent (Genesis 3)
  - Satan – adversary (Psalm 38:20)
  - Devil – accuser or slanderer (Revelation 12:9-10)
  - A spirit (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12)
  - Lucifer – shining heavenly light; “Venus in the morning” (Latin) (Isaiah 14:12)
- An evil spirit – not human (Ephesians 6:12)
  - The god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4)
  - The ruler of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
  - The enemy of righteousness (Acts 13:30; John 17:15)
  - The prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12)
  - A liar and murderer (John 8:44)
  - Father of sinners (John 8:44)
  - Like a lion seeking to destroy (1 Peter 5:8)
- The enemy of Christ and Christians (and sinners)
The Origin of Satan on Earth
Isaiah 14:1-14

- The origin of evil is not revealed in Scripture
- Israel will taunt the king of Babylon when it is restored to the land (14:1-4)
- This “king” has been broken and terminated by YHWH (14:5-11)
- This king, Lucifer (Morning Star), has fallen from heaven (14:12-14)
- An adversary of God
  - I will ascend to heaven
  - I will raise my throne above the stars of God
  - I will sit in the mount of the assembly (in the north)
  - I will ascend above the clouds
  - I will make myself like the Most High
The Origin of Satan on Earth
Isaiah 14:15-23

- An adversary of God
  – Incomparable pride
  – Counterfeit god – opponent of Christ

- The fate of this “king” (14:15-23)
  – “Thrust down to Sheol”
  – His prior subjects will “ponder” his fate
  – The state of subjugated kings is glorious compared to Lucifer
  – A trampled corpse
  – An eternal destiny

- The “king of Babylon” is an agent of Satan
  – Great glory
  – Great world power
  – Great judgment
The Origin of Satan on Earth
Ezekiel 28:1-19

- The prince (ruler) of Tyre (28:1-10)
  - A lesser “kingdom” in history – great economic power (28:1-5)
  - Judged for aspiring to be deity, but a mere man (28:6-10)
- A lamentation for the king of Tyre (28:11-19)
- An exalted creature
  - Seal of perfection
  - Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty
  - Present in Eden, the Garden of God
  - Great beauty – precious stones used in worship
  - Created
  - A cherub – angelic being
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Ezekiel 28:1-19

- Exalted position (28:14-15)
  - The anointed cherub who covers (guards)
  - Placed there by Sovereign YHWH
  - On the holy mountain
  - In the midst of stones of fire
  - Blameless from creation

- Degraded person (15:16-18)
  - Unrighteousness found in him
  - Internally filled with violence
  - “You sinned”
  - Heart lifted up because of his beauty
  - Corrupted wisdom
  - Profaned your sanctuaries
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Ezekiel 28:1-19

- Degraded position
  - Cast as profane from the mountain of God
  - Destroyed from the stones of fire
  - Cast to the ground
  - Exposed before kings
  - Consumed by fire – turned to ashes on earth
  - A shocking display to all people
  - Cease forever

- This is the spiritual power behind the prince of Tyre
  - Once a cherub in the presence of God
  - Now the adversary of God, doomed to hell
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- We wrestle not against flesh and blood . . . (Ephesians 6:12)
- Our enemy is a fallen cherub who rules the world of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:4)
- He is the literal “anti-Christ,” devoted to the destruction of the work of salvation
- God uses this unspeakably evil one to demonstrate invincible faith
- We will study him and his schemes that we may stand firm in the evil day